



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The administrator has received a complete application for a zero-discharge permit, NEV94002, from the following applicant:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.
P. O. Box 29
Elko, NV 89803

The Permittee operates a gold mining complex in Elko and Eureka Counties, approximately 27 miles northwest of Carlin, Nevada. The Permittee proposes to continue to discharge domestic wastewater generated by its Meikle Mine, Goldstrike Facilities, Roaster Facility and Rodeo Project workforces to the composite-lined North Block Tailings Facility (NBTF) and the soil-lined AA Tailings Facility. The proposed permit will also authorize discharge to the lined Brush Creek Tailings Facility, when permitted by the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation and constructed. Sewage and septage are combined with tailings, and the slurry is discharged to the tailings facilities. Supernatant water is reclaimed from the tailings impoundments to the milling and roasting circuits. Because the relatively small amount of domestic waste is thoroughly mixed with tailings and distributed around the tailings facilities, there is limited potential for waste to accumulate in concentrations that could pose a threat to human health.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a renewed permit, NEV94002, to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, with thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on **April 10, 2008**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or

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objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Janine Hartley of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.